

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] It is therefore a feature of the present invention to provide a method for linking business interests, comprising the steps of[[:]] receiving postings of business interests to a provider; providing to a customer access to ~~said~~ the postings; and linking ~~said~~ the customer to ~~said~~ the business interests, wherein ~~said~~ the business interests consist[[s]] of a group including[[:]] equipment, real estate, intellectual property, technical expertise, purchase agreements, material inventories, product purchases, and investment capital.

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] It is another feature of the present invention to provide a [[A]]computer-readable medium for linking business interests to customers, the computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the computer-implemented steps of[[:]] receiving postings of business interests to a provider; providing to a customer access to ~~said~~ the postings; and linking ~~said~~ the customer to ~~said~~ the business interests, wherein ~~said~~ the business interests consist of a group including[[:]] equipment, real estate, intellectual property, technical expertise, purchase agreements, material inventories, product purchases, and investment capital.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] It is yet another feature of the present invention to provide an apparatus for linking business interests, comprising[[:]] one or more processors; and a memory communicatively coupled to the one or more processor, the memory including one or more sequences of one of more instructions which, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the steps of[[:]] receiving postings of business interests to a provider; providing to a customer access to ~~said~~ the postings; and linking ~~said~~ the customer to ~~said~~ the business interests, wherein ~~said~~ the business interests consist of a group including[[:]] equipment, real estate, intellectual property, technical expertise, purchase agreements, material inventories, product purchases, and investment capital.